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SUBJECT: MTN AND GSP

1. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH DEPT OFF HELD AT
REQUEST COUNSELOR OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY IONITA, REGARDING
STATUS AND OUTLOOK FOR U.S. TRADE BILL, TOKYO
MINISTERIAL AND EARLY STAGES OF MTN, IONITA EMPHASIZED:

(A) ROMANIA, AS GATT CP, INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN
MTN BUT IS NOT CLEAR HOW SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD TAKE
PLACE. ROMANIA DOES NOT CONSIDER ITS SOCIALIZED ECONOMY
AN OBSTACLE TO ENGAGING IN MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH
COUNTRIES WITH MARKET ECONOMIES.

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(B) ROMANIA WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED AN LDC FOR GSP PURPOSES. HOPES THAT WHEN MFN EXTENDED TO ROMANIA THE U.S. WILL INCLUDE ROMANIA AS GSP BENEFICIARY.

(C) ROMANIA QUOTE CURIOUS UNQUOTE AS TO WHETHER MTN RULES WILL ALLOW NON-LDC, NON-GATT COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE.

2. DEPT OFF NONCOMMITTAL ON THESE ISSUES. WITH RESPECT TO LATTER, SAID IN A SENSE IONITA ASKING WHAT ANSWER WE HAD TO NON-QUESTION. TO KNOWLEDGE OF DEPT OFF NO SUCH COUNTRY HAS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE. ROGERS

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